THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Various Ministries/Departments are following different age criteria for extending facilities/concessions to senior citizens. The Railways give 30% concession in Mail/Express fares and the fares of the Rajdhani/Shatabadi/ Jan Shatabdi trains to the senior citizens aged 60 years and above. The other Ministries/Departments namely, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Communications, are providing concession to senior citizens aged 65 years and above.

(c) The National Policy on Older Persons recognizes a person who has attained the age of 60 plus as a senior citizen. The Ministry has taken up the matter of recognising senior citizens as persons aged 60 years and above with the concerned Ministries/Deptts. However, the different Ministries/Departments have taken their own decisions as regards age for extending facilities/concessions based on commercial and other considerations.

(d) Does not arise.

Development of Wakf properties

2823. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the disbursement by the Central Wakf Council for development of Wakf properties during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of the beneficiary Wakf estates, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the number of old projects completed and the number of new projects initiated during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the break up of the beneficiary Wakf estates, State/UT-wise since the inception of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI) : (a) and (b) Information is given at Statement-I (*See* below)

(c) Information is given at Statement-II (*See* below)

(d) Information is given at Statement-III (*See* below)

Statement I

Statement giving the amount disbursed by the Central Wakf Council and the number of beneficiaries Wakf estates State-wise/Year-wise during last three years.

S. No.	Name of the States	2000-2001		2001-02		2002-2003	
		Amount	No. of beneficiaries Wakf estates	Amount	No. of beneficiaries Wakf estates	Amount	No. of beneficiaries Wakf estates
1.	Uttar Pradesh	57.40	2	-	-	-	-
2.	Punjab	20.00	1	23.38	1	35.70	1
3.	Manipur	-	-	20.00	1	11.30	1
4.	Maharashtra	25.00	1	-	-	25.00	1
5.	Madhya Pradesh	-	-	20.00	1	-	-
6.	Kerala	65.00	6	40.00	3	8.18	2
7.	Karnataka	66.00	2	64.87	7	41.00	2
8.	Gujarat	-	-	-	-	25.00	1
9.	Bihar	-	-	4.35	1	-	-
10.	Jharkhand	10.00	2	-	-	-	-
11.	Orissa	3.50	1	-	-	-	-
12.	Tamil Nadu	-	-	-	-	15.00	1
	TOTAL	236.90	17	172.63	13	161.18	9

Statement II

State-wise and year-wise projects completed and new projects initiated during the last three years

S.No.	State	Year	No. of Old Projects Completed	No. of New Projects initiated
1.	Karnataka	2000-01	1	3
2.	Punjab	-do-	Nil	1
(i)	Total	1	1	4
1.	Karnataka	2001-02	Nil	1
2.	Kerala	-do-	Nil	1
3.	Manipur	-do-	Nil	1
(ii)	Total		Nil	3
1.	Bihar	2002-03	1	Nil
2.	Karnataka	-do-	2	1
3.	Kerala	-do-	1	2
4.	Gujarat	-do-	Nil	2
5.	Maharashtra	-do-	1	1
6.	Rajasthan	-do-	1	Nil
7.	Tamil Nadu	-do-	Nil	1
8.	UP	-do-	1	Nil
(iii)	Total		7	7
	GRAND TOTAL (i) (ii) (iii)		8	14

Statement III

The break up of the beneficiary Wakf Estates since inception of the scheme i.e. 1974-75

S.No.	States	No. of beneficiary Wakf estates	Loan amount released
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12	137.50
2.	Bihar	10	49.44
3.	Delhi	3	5.50
4.	Gujarat	1	25.00
5.	Jharkhand	2	10.00

S.No.	States	No. of beneficiary Wakf estates	Loan amount released
6.	Karnataka	75	1293.40
7.	Kerala	17	287.13
8.	Maharashtra	4	158.00
9.	Madhya Pradesh	18	96.71
10.	Manipur	1	31.30
11.	Orissa	15	232.57
12.	Punjab	4	96.67
13.	Rajasthan	3	84.02
14.	Tamil Nadu	23	245.13
15.	Uttar Pradesh	3	95.40
	TOTAL	191	2847.77

Equity participation in NMFDC

2824. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the equity participation by Government and the State Governments in the National Minorities Finance and Development Corporation;

(b) the amount of loan given for self-employment during the last three years alongwith the number of beneficiaries, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the amount of loan given for education alongwith number of beneficiaries during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) The Government of India has provided Rs. 241.26 Crores and the State Government/UT Administrations have contributed Rs. 47.56 Crores in the equity of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation.

(b) Requisite reply is at Statement-I and Statement-II (*See* below)

(c) National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation has launched the educational loan scheme with effect from 1.1.2003. Till 31.03.2003 no loans have been disbursed under this scheme.